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1. [] Steve Zagorski, State Department Liaison, called to inform me of an inquiry which State has received from Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, which in turn forwarded a query from a constituent about the role of CIA in Southeast Asia, the source of CIA's authority and who it is responsible to. Zagorski plans to send to Senator Kuchel a statement made by Mr. Harriman concerning Southeast Asia and I have given him some suggested language on the aspects of the letter which pertain to CIA, enclosing a copy of Colonel Grogan's pamphlet on the Agency.

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2. [] Mr. Cramer, Bureau of the Budget, called and gave us verbal BOB approval on our letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on S. 3459, a bill to establish an additional Assistant Secretary of State position. Our letter has been forwarded to the Director for signature.

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5. [] Talked with Jack Leahy, State Department Congressional Liaison, on several matters. I advised him of our contacts with USIA and with Messrs. Wahnemeyer and Wexler, State Department, with respect to Executive Branch action on the postal rate bill, H.R. 7927. I

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I queried Leahy concerning the Director's intention to go on record with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of State Department's bill to authorize an additional Assistant Secretary of State position. Leahy mentioned that State expected considerable opposition to this bill in Senate Foreign Relations where certain members feel the Department already has too many Assistant Secretaries. He also mentioned that the provisions of this bill, S. 3453, are also being incorporated in a package bill which contains other legislation for the Department. However, Leahy felt from Mr. McCone's position it would be preferable to comment on the original bill which dealt only with the position.

Mr. Leahy advised me that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was filing a favorable report today on S. 2659, to amend the Communications Act with respect to the establishment of low-powered radio transmitters. The bill will then be referred to the Commerce Committee for review in the technical aspects.

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6. [] Mrs. Schenierle, in the office of Representative Richard H. Poff (R., Va.) called and asked if we would set up an appointment with one of our experts on Soviet economy for Dr. Martin Schnitzer, a professor at VPI who would be in Washington on Thursday. I checked with [] ORR, who had not heard of Schnitzer and said he was not included in the Society of American Economists. I called Mrs. Schenierle back and advised her that for reasons the Congressman would probably understand, the Agency did not ordinarily make its people available for this type of meeting, and suggested she contact Mr. Leon Herman, Library of Congress, who is doing work for the Joint Economic Committee on the subject of the Soviet economy. Mrs. Schenierle said Dr. Schnitzer had specifically requested an interview with a CIA economist but she would discuss the matter with Mr. Poff.

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